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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMEMBASSY SUVA BY POUCH

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1. EA IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING ITS PROGRAM OF

POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION (PARA) STUDIES IN THE COMING YEAR. AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL WILL BE SENDING LETTERS TO ALL OF YOU AFTER THE NEW YEAR, DISCUSSING HOW WE ENVISION THE FY 1975 PROGRAM. DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF EITHER PARAS (OR RELATED ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS) WILL BE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED IN A MEETING OF THE EAST ASIA INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP ON JANUARY 4, AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO POSTS SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE UPCOMING PROGRAM, DESIGNED TO REFINE AND SIMPLIFY THE PARA DOCUMENT AND THE DRAFTING AND REVIEW PROCESS, WITHOUT, IT IS HOPED, DETRACTING FROM THE UTILITY OF THE PARA AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR POLICY ANALYSIS. ONE MAJOR CHANGE WILL BE TO PUT THE PROGRAM ON A BIENNIAL BASIS. THUS, FOR COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED PARA CYCLE, ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS RATHER THAN FULL PARAS WILL BE REQUIRED. ALTHOUGH THESE WILL CONFORM TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT TO THE PARA FORMAT, THEY WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO A WASHINGTON IG REVIEW. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WORKED OUT FOR SOME POSTS SUCH AS PEKING, SAIGON, PHNOM PENH AND VIENTIANE AND THESE WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN OUR LATER COMMUNICATIONS. RUSH

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